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Sonoma Valley Groundwater Management Meeting Scheduled

New Basin Advisory Panel to Meet for First Time to Discuss Groundwater Management Plans in Sonoma Valley

Santa Rosa, CA – The Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency) welcomes members of the media and public to attend the first meeting of the Basin Advisory Panel on Sonoma Valley groundwater management planning. The Panel will be meeting over the next 16 months to guide development of a groundwater management plan for the Sonoma Valley.

The Agency and its cooperating partners, the County of Sonoma, City of Sonoma, Valley of the Moon Water District, and Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District have been contemplating groundwater management planning in the Sonoma Valley for some time. After consulting with numerous interested parties in the Sonoma Valley through a series of interviews, the Agency has decided to form the Basin Advisory Panel to move forward with groundwater planning. Stakeholders from throughout the Valley will represent economic, agriculture, environmental, water supply and government interests. The panel will typically meet monthly in the Sonoma Valley.

What: Sonoma Valley Groundwater Management Meeting

Participants: Basin Advisory Panel, Sonoma County Supervisor Valerie Brown, Sonoma Mayor Doug McKesson, and other Agency and local water provider representatives.

Location: Sonoma Valley Fire & Rescue Authority Training Room
630 2nd Street West, Sonoma

Date: August 14, 2006

Time: 2p.m. – 5:30p.m.

Issues to be addressed at the meeting: Groundwater management work plan and meeting schedule; Review of basic groundwater facts; Collaborative planning and panel organization; Groundwater issues to be addressed at future meetings.

For more information about the workshop, contact Bill Keene at 707.547.1922 or bkeene@scwa.ca.gov.

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